

Nos. 6 AND 7

Solomon La Chair purchased from Carel van Brugge the most easterly part of the

Willet grant, 22 feet wide, running from the Waal to the Hoogh Straet, and bounded east by "a certain little lane."

La Chair was in possession earlier than March 28, 1658, although the deed to him was not registered until April 16, 1661.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 201.

The lane was entirely on the Smith grant, and no part of it ever belonged to the Willett-Van Brugge family. This explains La Chair's anxious inquiry, on March 28, 1658, when he asks

by petition to know if the street lying beside his lot to the left of Carel van Brugge and bought from him shall be given for a lot; or if a street shall remain, and demands a categorical answer. Is thereupon apostilled—The street remains provisionally in its effect for the use of the City until further order.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 366.

Cold comfort indeed for an intending builder! However, La Chair, after delaying for a few months, built his house on the Waal; it was "newly commenced" in October, 1658, according to recitals in a mortgage on the lot across the lane.—*Mortgages*, 1654-60, trans. by O'Callaghan, 111.

La Chair had been a tapster since 1655.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 401. Apparently, he moved his tavern to his new house here. In December, 1658, he borrowed 642 guilders from Pieter Tonneman and Jacobus Vis, and, the year following, ten beavers from Isaac Bedloe, "for delivered Spanish wine," securing both creditors by mortgages on this property. Business did not prosper, and La Chair tried several other ways of making a living. In 1660, he farmed the excise on Long Island.—*Cal. Hist. MSS.*, *Dutch*, 219, and on January 13, 1661, he petitioned to be admitted as a notary.—*Ibid.*, 220. The first entry in the *Register*, of his official acts, is a record of his appointment as notary public, on January 20, 1661, having been previously examined, on December 31, 1660, "by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Johan de Decker."—*Register of Solomon Lachaire*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 1.

He carefully kept the *Register* until the end of October, 1662 and probably until his death, which occurred between November 14, 1662 and January 9, 1663.—*Rec. N. Am.*, IV: 163, 175.

La Chair had sold his house on the Waal to Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant, in September, 1661.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 243. The small house on the Hoogh Straet (No. 7) was sold by his administrators to Ariaen van Laer, shoemaker, June 9, 1666. Van Laer was "of Midwout," in January, 1667, when he resold to Cornelis Jansen Oost.—*Ibid.*, B: 99, 107; *cf. Book of Records of Deeds & Transfers* (etc.), 1665-1672 (translated), 47, 62. These deeds recite "a house (uninhabited)" to the east, formerly in the tenure of Arent Isaacsen.